

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2000-03

A Resolution in Opposition to New Requirements of the New Mexico State Engineer's Office and the Interstate Stream Commission Affecting New Mexico's Acequias

Whereas, the County of Santa Fe recognizes the importance of acequias to the culture, history and lifestyle of Northern New Mexico residents; and

Whereas, the origin of acequias and ditches in New Mexico has been traced by archaeologists and historians to Pueblo Indians and Spanish explorers and settlers; and

Whereas, acequias continue to be vital to agricultural industries in Northern New Mexico; and

Whereas, loan agreements between the New Mexico State Engineer's Office and New Mexico Acequia Associations are a prime source of funding for the Associations; and

Whereas, by law, acequia commissioners have the sole authority to enter into loan agreements with the State of New Mexico; and

Whereas, the New Mexico State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission now require the signatures of all acequia members when entering into loan agreements; and

Whereas, enforcement of the State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission's new regulations place such an extreme burden on the Acequia associations that it is detrimental to the existence of New Mexico's acequias.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY opposes new regulations of the New Mexico State Engineer and Interstate Stream Commission that require the signature of all acequia members on loan agreements.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY asks that this resolution be delivered to the New Mexico State Engineer's Office and the Interstate Stream Commission.

THIS 11th day of January 2000.

Board of County Commissioners

Joe S. Griñe, Jr.
Joe S. Griñe, Jr., Chairman

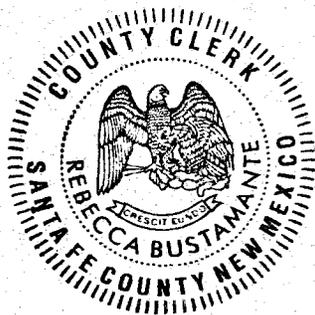


ATTEST:

Rebecca Bustamante
Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk

Approved as to form:

Denice Brown FOR
Denice Brown, County Attorney



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COUNTY OF SANTA FE) SS
STATE OF NEW MEXICO)

I hereby certify that this instrument was filed for record on the 28 day of Jan A.D. 20 00 at 10:16 o'clock a m and was duly recorded in book 1730 page 475-476 of the records of Santa Fe County.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.

Marcella Salazar
Deputy